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SUBJECT: GATT WP ON EC-LEBANON AGREEMENT, DECEMBER 11
REFS: (A) GENEVA 6813, (B) STATE 87760, (C) STATE 100797,
(D) GENEVA 3125, (E) L/4089 (10/11/74)

1. IN DECEMBER 11-13 EC-LEBANON WP, WE WISH MISSION TO
FOLLOW CLOSELY PATTERN OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN EC-EGYPT
WP ON MAY 17.

2. FOLLOWING PATTERN OF PAST GATT WP CONSIDERATIONS OF
EC PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH MEDITERRANEAN
COUNTRIES, WE WISH EC-LEBANON WP REPORT TO REFLECT
STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS ON FAILURE OF AGREEMENT TO
CONFORM TO GATT ARTICLE XXIV CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING
AN FTA OR FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT LEADING TO FORMATION OF
FTA. AS IN PAST, WE CAN ACCEPT WP REPORT WHICH CONCLUDES
THAT GATT COMPATIBILITY CAN NOT BE ESTABLISHED AT THIS
TIME.

3. PARTICULAR POINTS WHICH U.S. DEL MAY MAKE FOLLOW:

(A) AGREEMENT FAILS EVEN TO MENTION OBJECTIVE OF
FORMING FTA. -

(B) AGREEMENT LACKS PLAN AND SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY
ARTICLE XXIV(5)C. THERE IS NO BINDING COMMITMENT IN
AGREEMENT OR IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT FTA WILL BE

ESTABLISHED DURING PERIOD OF AGREEMENT OR AT ANY OTHER
SPECIFIED TIME.

(C) WE DOUBT THAT FTA'S AMONG COUNTRIES AT SUCH WIDELY
DIFFERING STAGES OF INDUSTRIALIZATION CAN LEAD TO GATT-
CONSISTENT ASSOCIATIONS ENCOMPASSING ELIMINATION OF SUB-
STANTIALLY ALL TRADE BARRIERS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITHIN
REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE XXIV(5)C
AND ARTICLE XXIV(8)B.

(D) INCLUSION OF RESTRICTIVE RULES OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS
IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE XXIV.

4. GIVEN THAT LEBANON IS NOT A GATT CP, WE SEE NO REASON
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TO MAKE ISSUE OF EITHER LEBANESE ATTENDANCE OR SUPPLY
OF STATISTICS THOUGH WE OF COURSE WOULD WELCOME MAXIMUM
LEBANESE CONTRIBUTION TO EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF GATT
WP. KISSINGER

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